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NEW BANKING LAW BECOMES  
EFFECTIVE TOMORROW.

No One Seems to Know Just How It Became a Law—Supposed to Have Been Done to Stimulate Sale of Stamps.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Under the new section of the penal code of the United States, it will hereafter be a serious offense to issue a check for less amount than \$1. The new code becomes effective tomorrow. The language of the provision forbids the making, issuance, circulation or paying out of any note, check, memorandum, token or other obligation for less than a dollar.

Business firms who have been interviewed as to the effect of the new enactment say it will mean the substitution of postage stamps, subsidiary coins and post-office money orders in lieu of bank checks for payment of accounts representing fractions of a dollar. The number of bank checks drawn in payment of balances of less than a dollar are very few. Outside of the mail order houses the number of such checks received in the course of business is comparatively insignificant.

Treasury officers are at a loss to account for the legislation. It does not appear to have been discussed in either house of Congress. The consideration of the report of the committee to codify the penal laws was attended with very little interest in Congress. Bankers who have been interviewed on the legislation were as much surprised as the treasury officers to account for it.

One banker expressed the opinion that it was a step toward the establishment of a postal savings bank, but Senator Heyburn of Idaho, chairman of the joint committee on revision of the code, who handled the report in the Senate, made a speech in opposition to the postal savings bank bill. The most rational explanation of the enactment appears to be that it was designed to stimulate the sale of postage stamps and postal money orders.

NEW YEAR'S EVE  
IN NEW YORK.

Great White Way Will Be Scene of Mad Merry Makers Indulging in Annual Argy.

New York, Dec. 31.—All laws, written and unwritten, sanctioned by legislatures or the customs of polite society, will be smashed into bits tonight, when a million or so of New Yorkers, join in the annual New York debauch. Revel or merry-making are not the words for the festivities—nothing short of debauch or orgy will do justice to New York's welcome to the infant year.

All day long the premonition of what is to come could be found along Broadway. The tin horn speculators were out as usual with their wagon loads of voice ruiners and ear destroyers, carefully attuned so that no two make just the same quality of dissonance. And then there was the "tickler" man, who, quite ignorant no doubt of the police commissioner's edict, distributed at "five per" the little bunches of moulty feathers atop a little bamboo stick. Then there was the confetti man, who in the last few years has become a new figure in the cult of hucksters who get rich on the foolish fancies of others.

The revel of New Year's eve has its good uses. It turns loose a large amount of change which is in great demand just at present. It has been conservatively estimated that the spirit of exuberance tonight will put into circulation at least \$500,000.

All the theatres will be crowded, and into the box offices alone has been turned more than \$100,000. The come the suppers at the hotels and restaurants, which mean an additional item of \$250,000. Of this amount the Broadway restaurants will get \$150,000. Flowers, cabs, tips, favors, and music bring up the total to the half-million mark.

As in the matter of passing upon the legal quality of Sunday amusements, the police will have to use their judgment in keeping the exuberance of the New Year's Eve revelers within bounds. The patrolmen in a fatherly manner will merely look on except where exhilaration verges on rowdiness or where some effervescent young man attempts to poke a miniature feather duster, technically known as a "tickler," into the face or down the neck of some giddy young mourner.

The inspectors will be stationed at the various points where New Yorkers are most wont to congregate to see the old year out. Singularly

enough, in the past, the greatest trouble in the way of uncontrolled enthusiasm has been found in the shadow of old Trinity church, at the head of Wall street, where the ancient chimes ring out a farewell to the dying year and a greeting to the new. The quiet which reigns about the old edifice has year after year been turned into a bedlam, which can be best described by an adjective derived from the traditional enemy of churches.

THE MODEL OF CHICKENDOM.

Herbert and Joe Sherwood Own Prize Winning Fowl.

The Southwestern Poultry Association members are strutting around as proud as William Mundy's 24-pound turkey, over the fact that one of their number had a bird in the poultry show that came within half a point of being the most perfect domestic fowl in the world.

"White Queen" is the name of this wonderful bird and it is owned by M. J. and A. J. Sherwood, 3403 Alameda street, El Paso. The bird is a white Plymouth Rock pullet, seven months old, and was hatched in El Paso.

According to Judge C. A. Emry, who has had 37 years' experience in the judging of fancy poultry, and who has attended every poultry show of importance in the United States within that time, "White Queen" scored 97 points and the other bird that received a higher score was one at the Niagara Falls National Poultry show, held there recently, and that score was only half a point higher.

"If it was not for the slight defect in the comb," said Mr. Emry, "the El Paso bird would score nearly 100 or per cent. She can rightly be called the fashion plate, or model of chickendom. The perfect contour of her wings and the stately poise of her head are the exact counterpart of the artistic cuts appearing in poultry magazines. I wish I owned her; if I did I will guarantee I would get a good price for her eggs."

"White Queen" was awarded the silver cup given by the Southwestern Poultry association and several other prizes and premium.—El Paso Times.

Messrs. Sherwood, the owners of this prize winning pullet, are former Brownsville boys. Their old friends here extend congratulations upon their success in the poultry field.

HOG OR CEREAL SAUSAGE?

Kansas Compels Butchers to Label Their Product.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 30.—"Do you want hog or cereal sausage?" That is the question which will be asked after tomorrow by the men behind the counters in Kansas meat markets.

This distinction is due to the fact that the state board of health recently determined to compel all packers and the butchers who make their own sausage to label it when anything other than meat is put into it. Many butchers and some of the packers use corn meal in some sausages to give an added flavor. Some butchers were found who were not dissatisfied with selling ground corn for sausage but soaked the meal to give weight. Hence all will have to cease using meal or the sausage containing it will have to be labeled "cereal sausage." The sale of sausage containing cereals of any sort is prohibited when the label is not used.

NOTICE.

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Brownsville, Texas, will be held at its banking house on Tuesday, January 11th, 1910, at 3 p. m. for the election of directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

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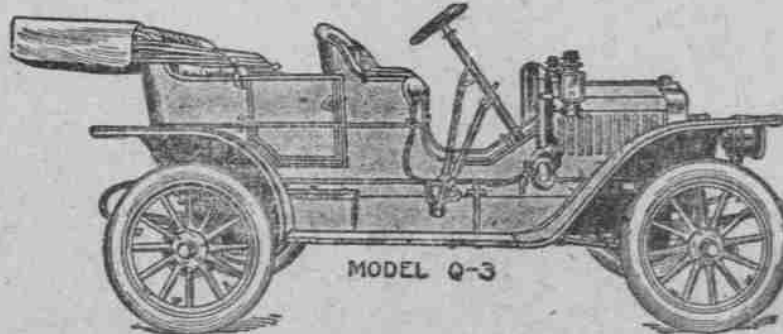
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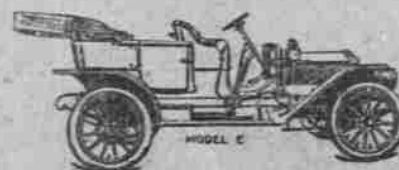
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